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FOLLOWING REPEAT SECTO 11044 SENT ACTION SECSTATE DATED 19 OCT
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FOR SISCO

THE SECRETARY BELIEVES IT WOULD BE MORE IN KEEPING WITH
OUR NEUTRAL APPROACH TO THE PROBLEM LESS LIKELY TO PRODUCE
A SPANISH-MOROCCAN CONFRONTATION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL,
AND PERHAPS MORE CONDUCIVE TO AN EVENTUAL PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT
OF THE SPANISH SAHARA PROBLEM IF THE TERMS OF REFERENCE
OF ANY VISITING UN MISSION WERE DIRECTED TOWARDS DETERMINING
THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE AND THE FUTURE STATUS OF THE TERRITORY
IN ORDER TO PREVENT A THREAT TO THE PEACE, RATHER THAN SIMPLY
TOWARD DETERMINING WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A THREAT TO THE
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PEACE. THE LATTER PHRASEOLOGY, INITIATED BY SPAIN ON THE

HEELS OF KING HASSAN'S GREAT MARCH ANNOUNCEMENT COULD BE MORE OF AN OBSTACLE TO THE EVENTUAL PEACEFUL TRANSFER OF THE TERRITORY THAN A MEANS TO THAT END.

2. THE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED THE TEXT OF THE CABLES TO RABAT AND TUNIS AS PROPOSED. THE TEXT OF THE CABLE TO USUN AND IMPLEMENTING INSTRUCTIONS TO AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN SHOULD BE REVISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH PARA ONE ABOVE. ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON SHOULD BE INFORMED OF THE SECRETARY'S THOUGHTS ON THIS MATTER PRIOR TO HIS MEETING WITH KING HASSAN SO HE CAN EXPLAIN US POSITION IN SC.

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